

HIS TOBACCO BOX

It is the custom among miners to have a pipe of "bacca" before going down and after coming up from the shaft. For this purpose the miners often borrow tobacco from one another. But one of these concocted a scheme by which he appeared unable to lend. He kept two tobacco boxes. The one which was always empty he named "The World"; the other, often full, was called "Providence."

When asked for a "pipe of 'bacca,'" he would reply: "I haven't a bit in 'The World.'"

"What are you going to do for a smoke then?"

"Trust to 'Providence,' my boy, trust to 'Providence,' for it rarely ever fails."

BOUGHT, NOT GIVEN

Five-year-old Margaret was a guest at dinner at a neighbor's one day, and before beginning to eat the family one by one said grace.

Margaret looked on in wonder and finally asked:

"What are you doing?"

"We are thanking the Lord for giving us this bread to eat," said Mrs. Wilder. "Don't you give thanks?"

"Why, no," answered Margie. "We buy our bread at the shop."

University of Pittsburg discovers that Pittsburg's smoke nuisances has 101 phases. These, added to her 101 stenchs, make 202 for Pittsburg; which is going some.

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Only a Sister.

One boy asked another how he could teach a girl to swim.

"Oh," said the other boy, "you goes up to her gentle-like, takes her hand gentle, leads her gentle down to the water, puts yer arm gentle around her waist—"

"Oh, go on!" interrupted the boy. "What's the matter? She's my sister."

"Yer sister! Oh, shove her in!"

They're excusing men from jury service in England because they have conscientious objection to the immorality of trying women by men under man-made laws.